



## January notes from the Alaska State Council on the Arts

Happy 2004! We hope that you had a restful holiday, and are anxious to return to producing, creating or presenting art for Alaskans.

### ABOUT THE ENCLOSED POSTCARD...

If you have received this hard copy of the *Communique*, it is because we don't have your email address, or you have instructed us to continue sending the newsletter via mail. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed postcard and return to us, so that we may continue communicating regularly with you. Thanks!

### ANNUAL GRANT DEADLINE

Letters went out recently to all current grantees regarding the March 1, 2004 deadline for arts organizations. The grant information is posted on our website: [www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca).

### PERCENT FOR ART CALLS

See details on Page Three. Calls are also posted on our website: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca>. Go to Art Calls.

### More Artist Opportunities on our website:

[www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca)

## GOT NEWS?

We love news! If you want to get the word out, please send us an email or notice. Send *Communique* information to: [kay\\_carlo@eed.state.ak.us](mailto:kay_carlo@eed.state.ak.us). Make sure and specify that it is for the newsletter. Depending on the space available, we will print announcements of artist opportunities and professional news - job opportunities, promotions, etc. We do not publish event information because there isn't enough space!

# PANEL MEMBERS

The Arts Council is looking for interested individuals who are well-informed about the arts in Alaska to serve on annual grant panels. Panels meet in mid April for one full day. Commitment includes reading grants prior to the panel meetings, then one day in Anchorage for panel deliberation. If interested, please send a letter of interest, along with a brief list of qualifications, to Charlotte Fox, Executive Director. Panel members are appointed by the Council Chair, and there are usually only 3-4 vacancies per year. However, letters of interest are held.

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## Rasmuson Foundation commits to Alaskan artists and arts organizations

The Rasmuson Foundation announced early in December a 20 million dollar, 10 year commitment to support the arts in Alaska. The Initiatives will cover the following areas: Creative Ventures Fund, designed to advance the creative excellence of artists and cultural institutions in Alaska. The fund will be for an Arts Innovation Program and Arts Fellowships. Institutional Advancement , for Advancement Grants for Large Institutions and Advancement Grants for Small and Mid-sized Institutions Arts In Education Fund, which will Increase in number of Artists in Schools Residency Programs . It will also fund Cultural Collaborations between schools and arts organizations and Art Teacher Fellowships. Public Art/Design Fund, will encourage 1.5% for Art for Ramuson capital projects and a Design Program to encourage thoughtful design into building plans Read more about this exciting opportunity for Alaskan artists and arts organizations at: [http://www.rasmuson.org/pr/artsinit12\\_09\\_03.html](http://www.rasmuson.org/pr/artsinit12_09_03.html)

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## NEA GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW ONLY ONLINE

The National Endowment for the Arts is no longer distributing printed guidelines and application forms. The new FY 2005 Grants for Arts Projects guidelines are available ONLY on the NEA's Web site at:

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP05/>

An organization may submit only one application under these guidelines which include:

- A new Access to Artistic Excellence category that combines the previous Artistic Creativity and Preservation and Challenge America: Access to the Arts categories. Application Postmark Deadlines: March 15, 2004, and August 16, 2004.
- An expanded Challenge America Fast-Track Review Grants category that now includes support for professional arts programming and program enhancements for arts events. Application Postmark Deadline: June 1, 2004.
- Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth for school-based and community-based projects consistent with national, state, or local arts education standards. Application Postmark Deadline: June 14, 2004.

# PERCENT FOR ART RFPs CURRENTLY ON THE WEBSITE

Atwood Building, Anchorage

DEADLINE: Monday, February 9, 2004, 4:30pm

AMOUNT: \$50,000

OPEN TO ALASKA RESIDENTS ONLY

## PROJECT / SITE INFORMATION

Located at 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Anchorage, The Robert B. Atwood Building was purchased by the State of Alaska in 1998. Over the past few years, much of the building has been extensively renovated to house numerous State agencies in a central location. In addition to providing office space for State employees, the building provides public access to a number of government programs.

Three possible sites for artwork:

Site 1: Exterior plaza

Site 2: Vestibule

Site 3: Elevator Lobby

The committee is interested in:

- Artwork that reflects Alaska themes
- Artwork that uses Alaska materials
- Artwork that presents a clear narrative

DEC Seafood & Food Safety Lab, Anchorage:

DEADLINE: Friday, February 20, 2004, 4:30pm

AMOUNT: \$95,000

OPEN CALL

## PROJECT/SITE INFORMATION:

The Seafood & Food Safety Lab is part of the Alaska Division of Environmental Health (ADEH) in the Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The mission of the Lab is to assure Alaska's environmental health.

Three possible sites for artwork:

Site 1: Exterior Courtyard

Site 2: Lobby West Wall

Site 3: Waiting Area North Wall

The Committee is looking for work in keeping with the architectural design concept, reflecting the following attributes:

- Theme of environmental health
- Scientific & technological approach
- Economy of form & materials

Percent for Art RFPs soon to be posted to the website:

**Palmer Seed Lab, Palmer:**

ART BUDGET: \$22,000

DEADLINE: TBA (March)

**Bethel Readiness Center, Bethel:**

ART BUDGET: \$70,000

DEADLINE: TBA (March)

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### **CALENDAR:**

January 16: Council teleconference, Anchorage

January 22: WESTAF Board of Trustees Meeting, Anchorage

February 18: Grant Application Teleconference Workshop for annual applicants

February 20: Council teleconference, Anchorage

March 1: Deadline, Annual Grants Quarterly Deadline, CADs

March 29: National Arts Advocacy Day

June 5-6: ASCA Annual Meeting, Ketchikan